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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM DAY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CALL ON RABIN

REF: STATE 281426; TEL AVIV 7781

1. YOU SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON DEVELOP-
MENTS HERE RELATIVE TO YOUR CALL ON RABIN:

2. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HAD SOME DAYS AGO REQUESTED AN
APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY FOR GAD YAACOB I FOR TODAY
(NOVEMBER 17). IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PROBLEM SEEING RABIN,
THE SECRETARY, IN AGREEING TO SEE YAACOB I, ASKED THAT
DINITZ NOT ACCOMPANY HIM. DINITZ SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BACK
TO SAY THAT RABIN HAD TOLD HIM HE (RABIN) WOULD CALL YOU
QUOTE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS UNQUOTE (DINITZ THOUGHT THIS
MEANT TOMORROW) TO ARRANGE A MEETING TO TAKE PLACE QUOTE
BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK, UNQUOTE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT DINITZ WOULD ACCOMPANY YAACOB I ON HIS CALL HERE TODAY.
THIS WAS AGREED TO, SINCE IT SEEMED TO SHOW THAT THE

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ISRAELIS HAD GOTTEN THE MESSAGE WE INTENDED THEM TO GET

AND WERE RESPONDING TO IT. THE SECRETARY WILL NOT SEE DINITZ PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN RABIN.

3. DINITZ FURTHER REPORTED THAT RABIN HAD SAID NOTHING

WOULD BE SAID PUBLICLY IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF YOUR MEETING, AND THAT AFTER IT TOOK PLACE THE PRESS WOULD BE TOLD ONLY THAT IT CONCERNED U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS.

4. WE AGREE WITH THIS WAY OF HANDLING THE PRESS, AND THE EMBASSY SHOULD HOLD TO IT. ALSO, IN ANY ADVANCE CONTACT WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS THERE SHOULD BE NO MENTION OF YOUR INTENTION TO PROTEST ALLON'S BEHAVIOR AT THE MEETING. KISSINGER

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